

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

An improved surgical intramedullary system for compressing fractures having an elongated cannulated shaft with tang exit holes and at least one deployable tang, the improvement comprising an end cap bonded to one end of the cannulated shaft by a ~~autologous~~ first bond, a tang body slidably disposed in one end of the cannulated shaft, the internal wall of the cannulated shaft and the external surface of the tang body congruently shaped to restrict movement of the tang body to the longitudinal axis of the cannulated shaft. The tang having a first end and a second end, the first end bonded to the tang body by a second bond, ~~the second bond being autologous~~. The second end adapted to transit one tang exit hole in the cannulated shaft upon longitudinal movement of the tang body, the tang body including a link adapted to cooperate with a tool to generate longitudinal movement.